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Following a mysterious death at Abstergo HQ, Otso Berg's suspicions of corruption within the Templar ranks reaches its climax, leading the agent to step up his efforts to track the guilty party.

Meanwhile, Barbary prisoner Jan van de Graff begins to learn the ways of the Black Cross from his cabbalistic cellmate. But will it be enough to save him from the Sultan's blade?



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START OVER.

WE KNOW CAITLIN WAS HERE AFTER HOURS, ACCESSING AN UNAUTHORIZED DATA STREAM.

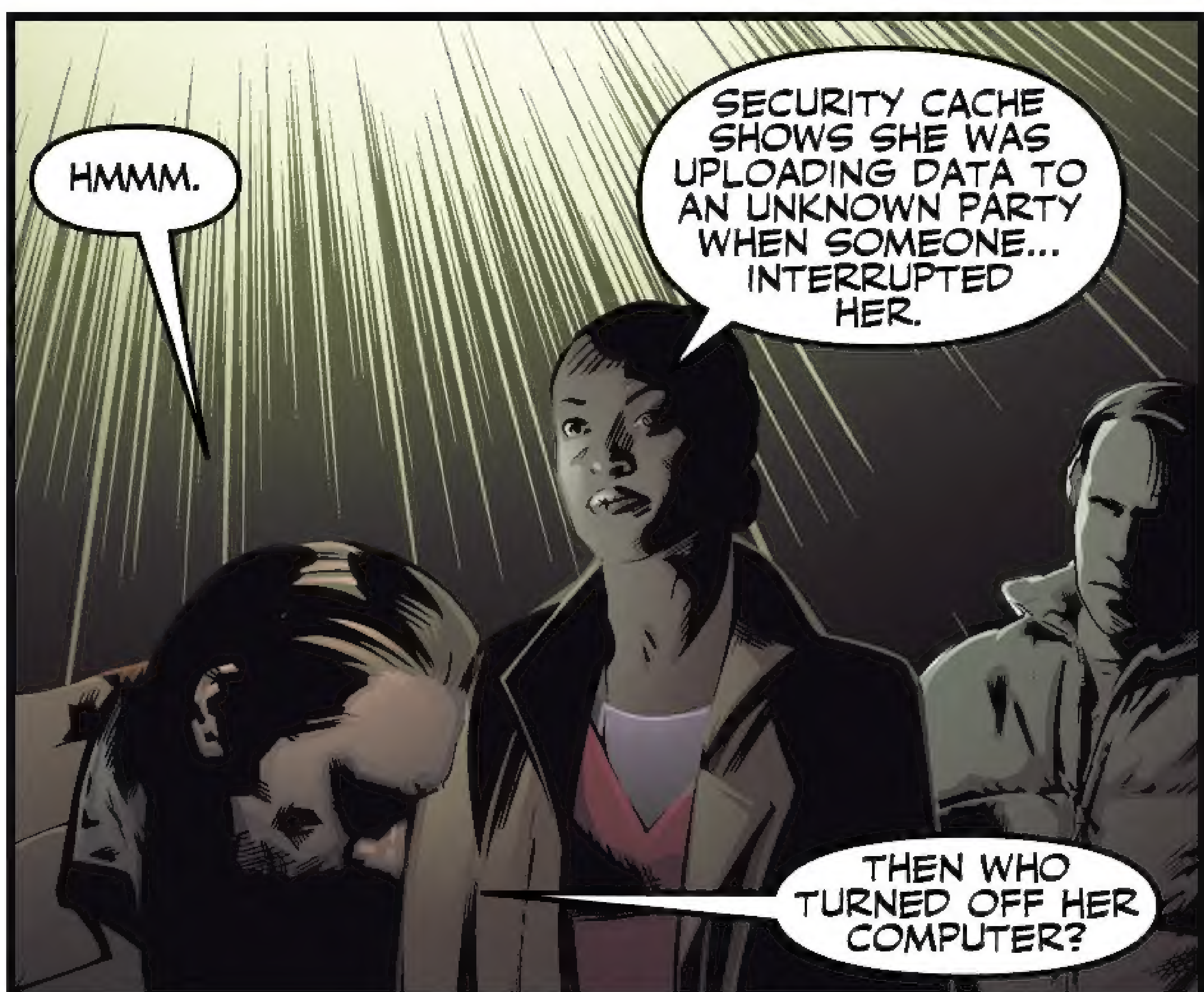
SOMEONE CAME IN, PROBABLY FROM BEHIND, AND...DID THIS.



CAMERAS?



TURNED OFF. WE KNOW CAITLIN DID IT.



HMMM.

SECURITY CACHE SHOWS SHE WAS UPLOADING DATA TO AN UNKNOWN PARTY WHEN SOMEONE... INTERRUPTED HER.

THEN WHO TURNED OFF HER COMPUTER?





VIOLET,  
WITH ME.

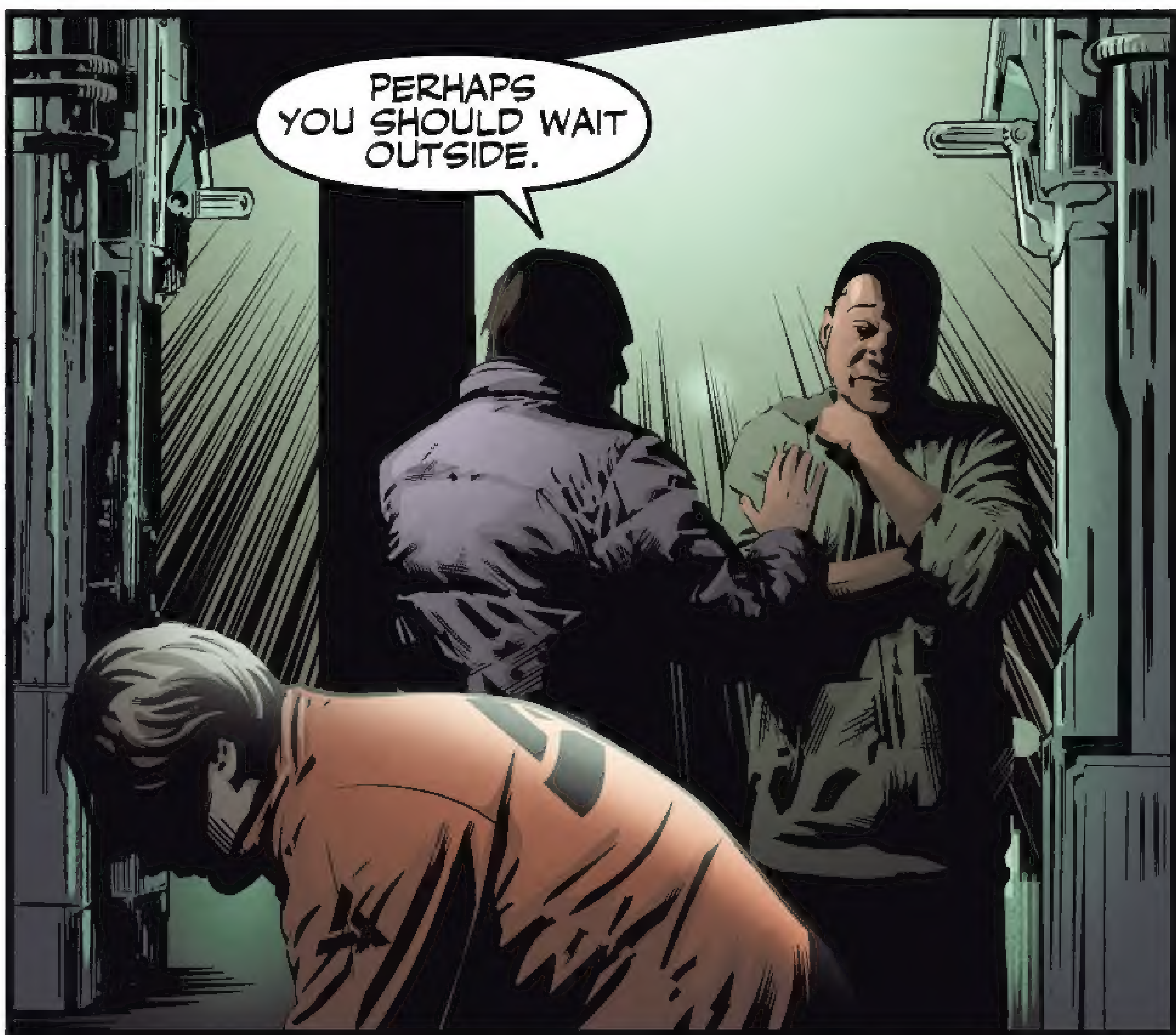
GENTLEMEN,  
PLEASE SEE TO  
MISS GIFT.



I NEED TO  
CONFER WITH  
VIOLET.

WILL YOU  
STAY?

I'M  
NOT GOING  
ANYWHERE.



PERHAPS  
YOU SHOULD WAIT  
OUTSIDE.



YOU DEAF,  
BOY? I SAID I'M  
NOT GOING  
ANYWHERE.





I WANT YOU TO HANDLE THIS PERSONALLY. YOUR EYES ONLY, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

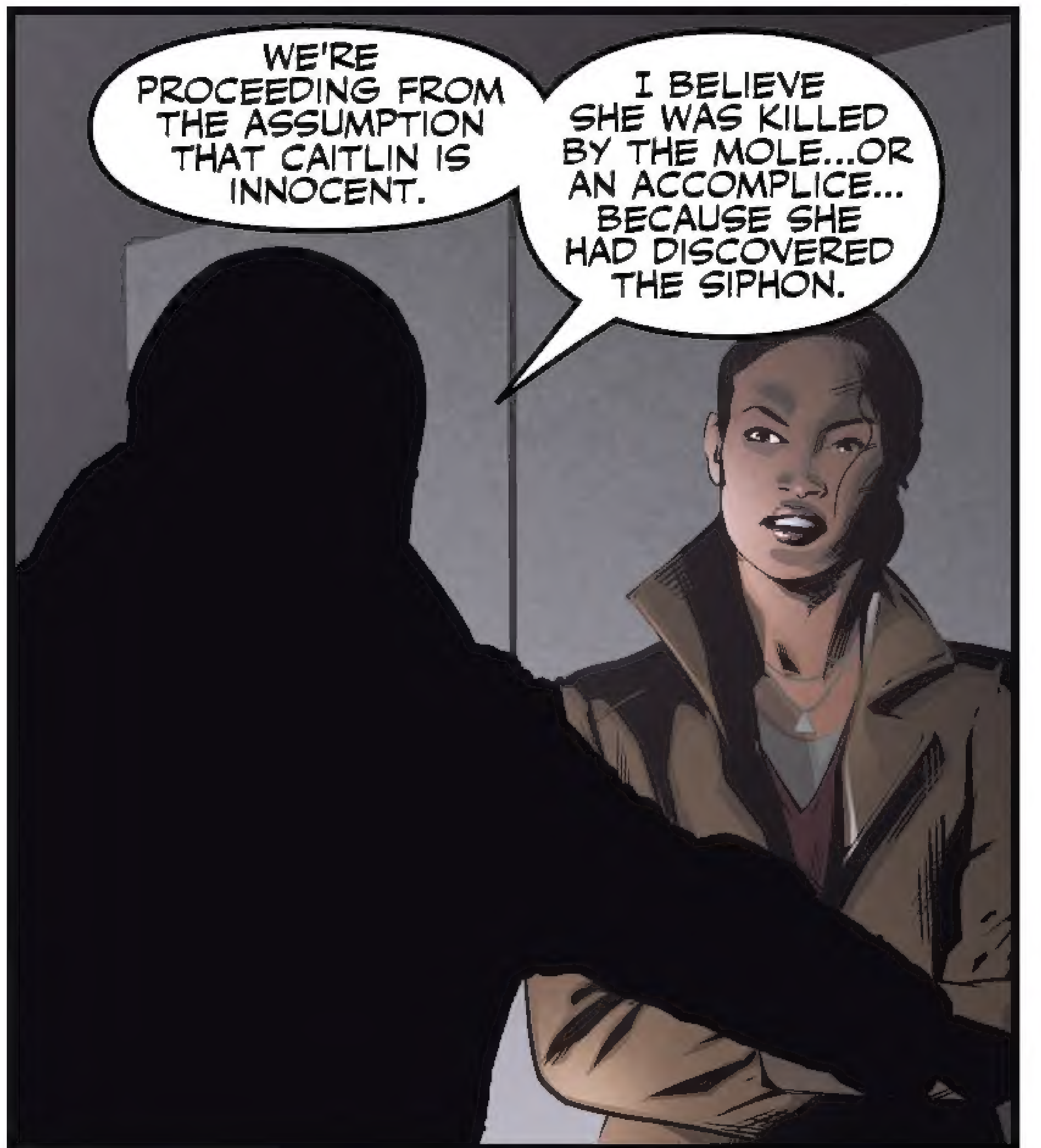
FIND THE SOURCE OF THE DATA SIPHON.

I'LL HANDLE THE POLICE, AND HER PARENTS.



ALL RIGHT.  
I'M SORRY ABOUT CAITLIN. I SHOULD HAVE CAUGHT ANY ABNORMALITIES IN HER BACKGROUND.

NO... I SUSPECT THERE ARE OTHER AGENTS AT WORK HERE.



WE'RE PROCEEDING FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT CAITLIN IS INNOCENT.

I BELIEVE SHE WAS KILLED BY THE MOLE...OR AN ACCOMPLICE... BECAUSE SHE HAD DISCOVERED THE SIPHON.

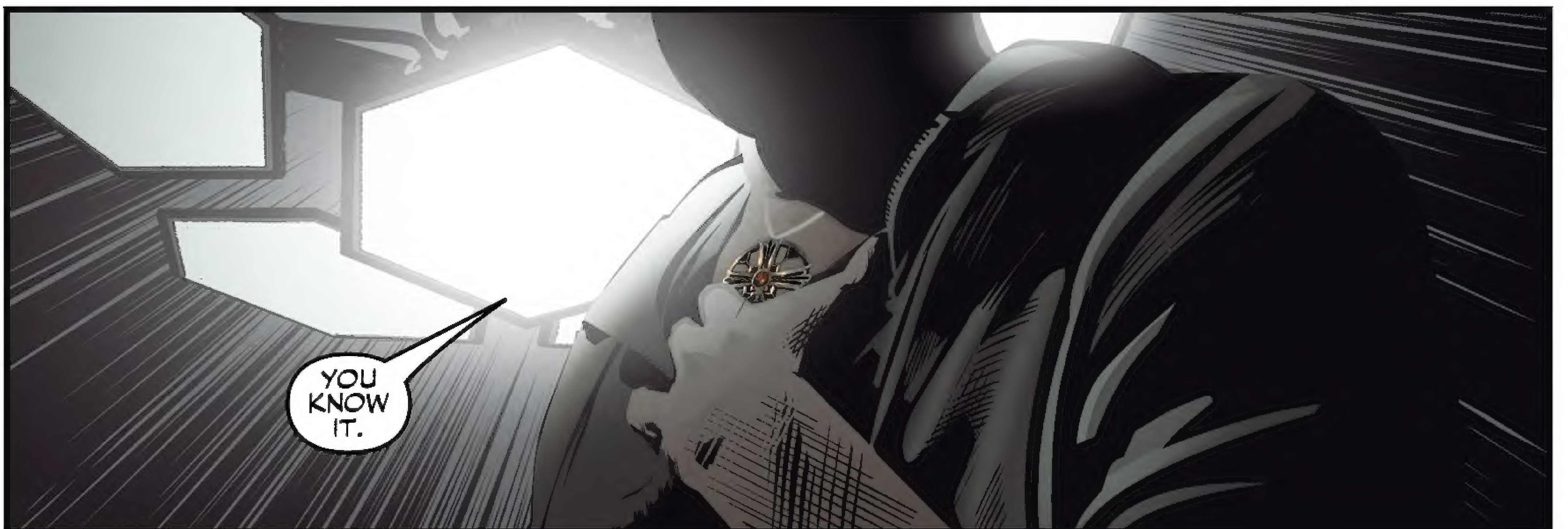


UNLESS IT WAS THE BLACK CROSS.

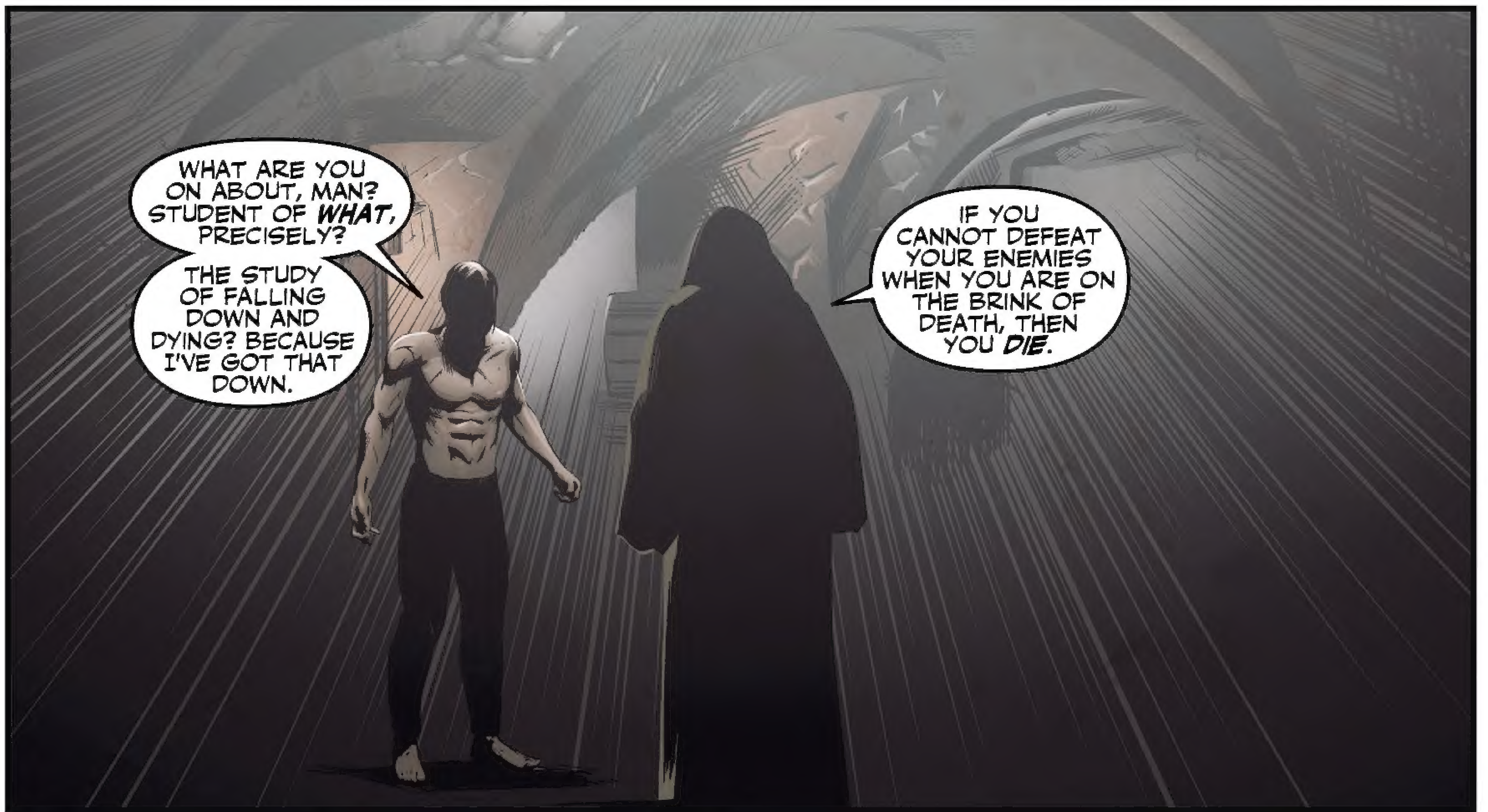


THERE IS NO BLACK CROSS.









WHAT ARE YOU  
ON ABOUT, MAN?  
STUDENT OF *WHAT*,  
PRECISELY?

THE STUDY  
OF FALLING  
DOWN AND  
DYING? BECAUSE  
I'VE GOT THAT  
DOWN.

IF YOU  
CANNOT DEFEAT  
YOUR ENEMIES  
WHEN YOU ARE ON  
THE BRINK OF  
DEATH, THEN  
YOU *DIE*.



WHAT  
GOOD IS  
THAT?



DON'T  
GIVE ME THAT  
ROT.

I'VE LOOKED  
DEATH IN THE EYE  
AND PATTED MYSELF  
ON THE BACK FOR  
ESCAPING HIS  
GRASP ONE  
MORE TIME.

WATCHED  
FRIENDS DIE.  
LOVERS.

CHILDREN...



M-MY  
CHILD...  
I HAVE  
NOTHING  
LEFT.





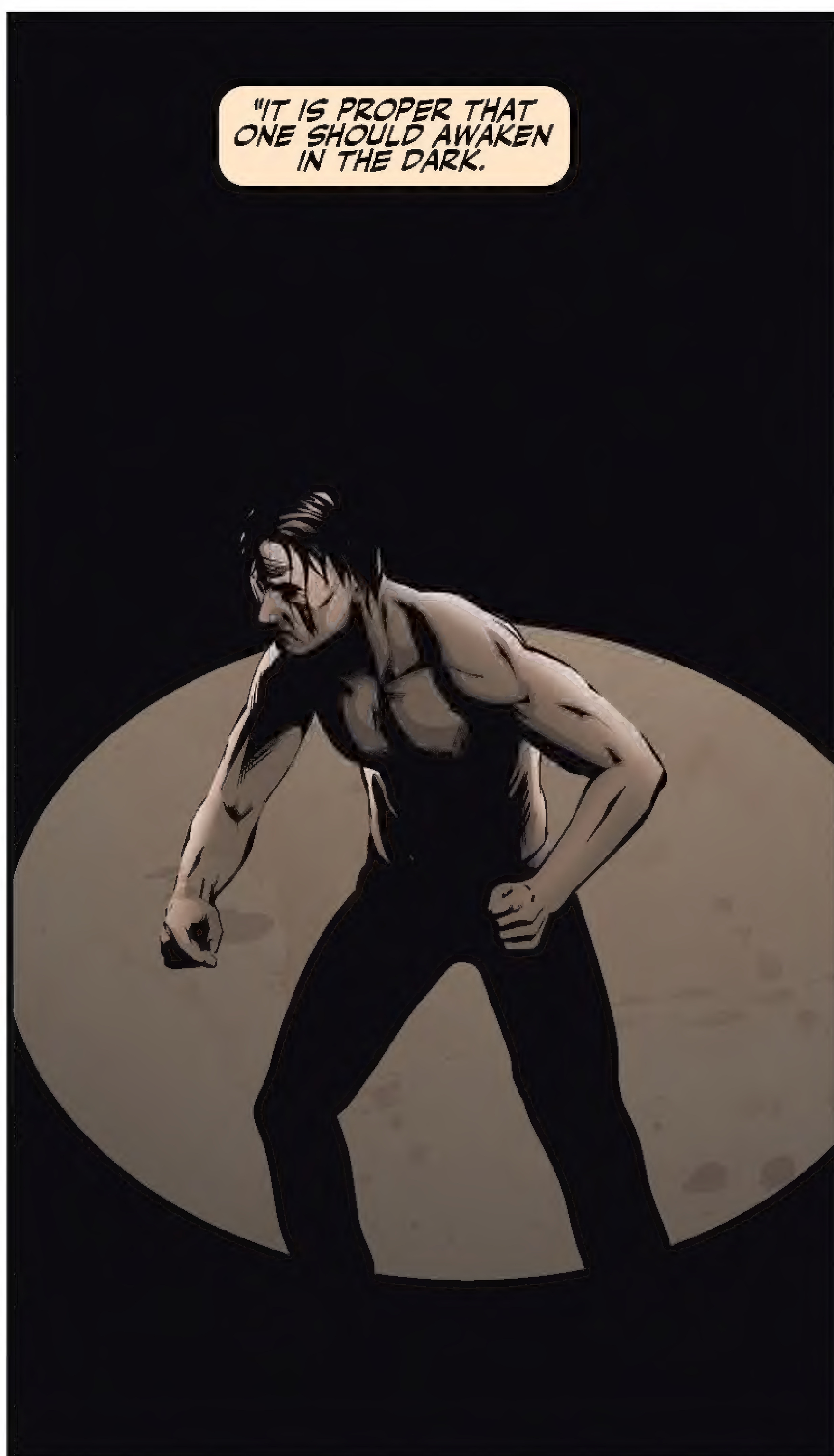


YOU HAVE LOST  
EVERYTHING.  
THAT IS  
WHERE TO  
BEGIN.

BEGIN  
WHAT?

YOUR  
AWAKENING.

"IT IS PROPER THAT  
ONE SHOULD AWAKEN  
IN THE DARK.



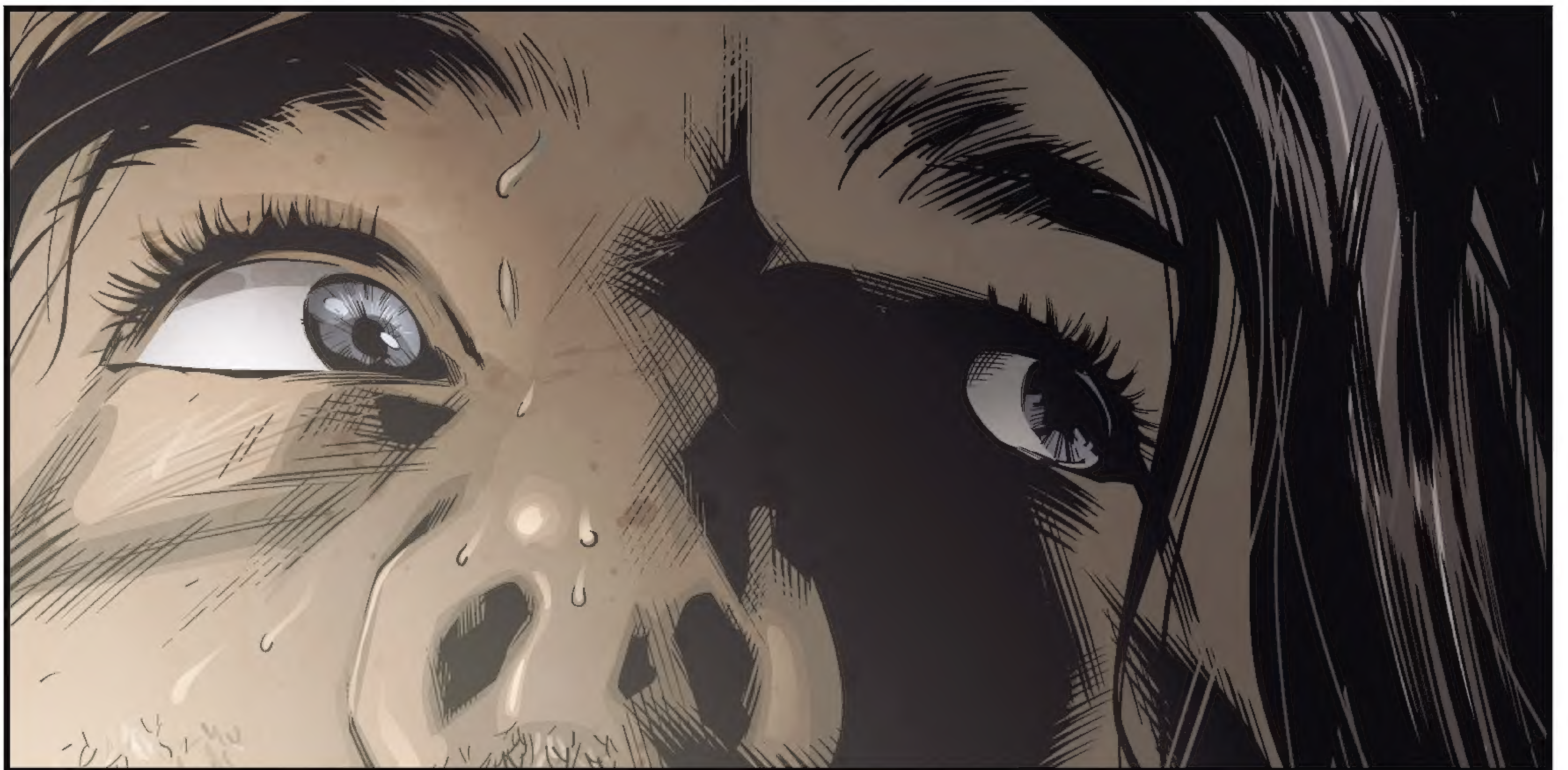
"NOT IN THE  
PIERCING SUNLIGHT,  
WITH EVERYTHING  
UGLY AND FALSE.



"TO AWAKEN  
INSIDE ONE'S  
OWN MIND."







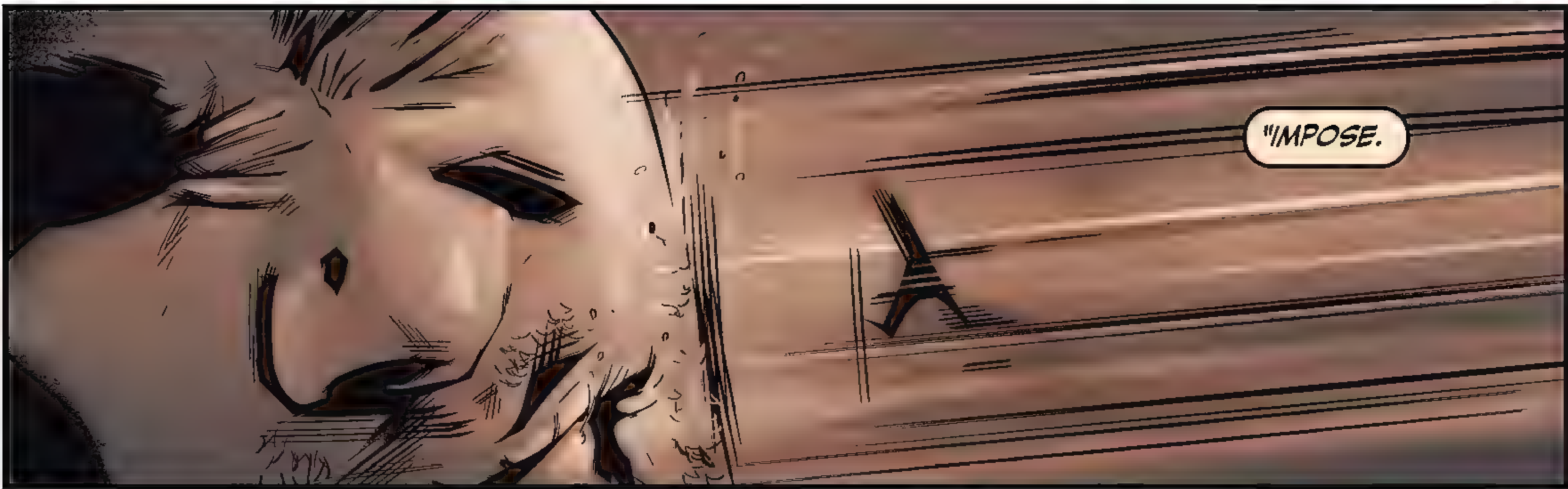




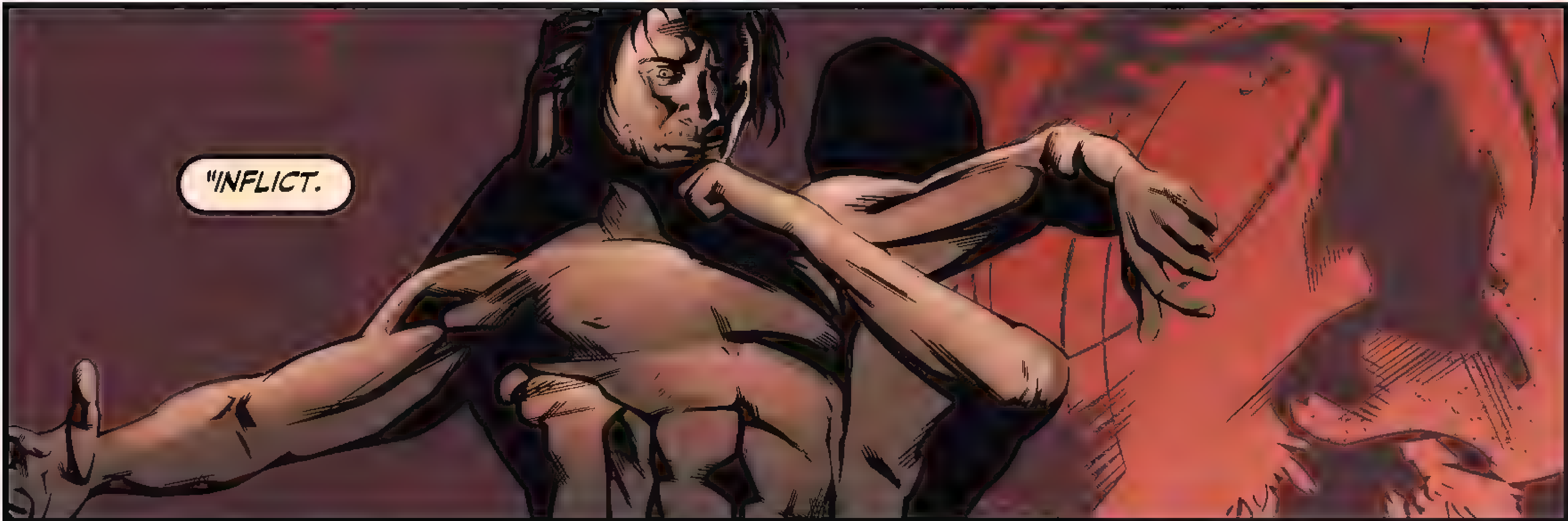
"THIS...THIS  
IS WHAT THE  
TEMPLARS TEACH?"



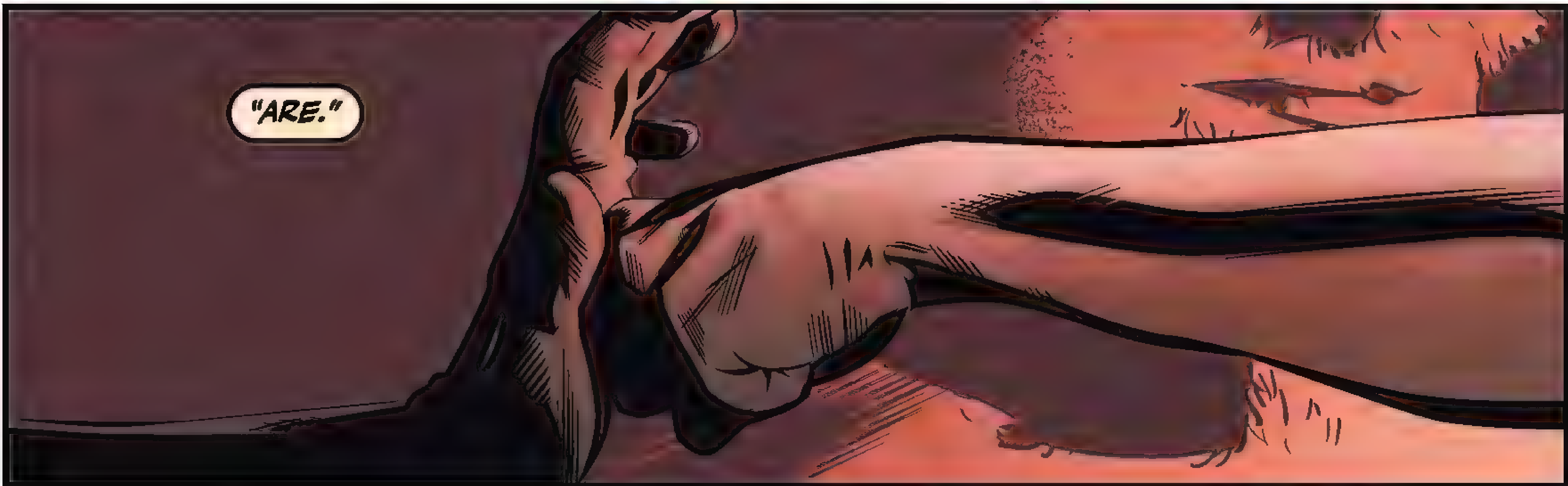
"NOT TEACH.  
REVEAL."



"IMPOSE."

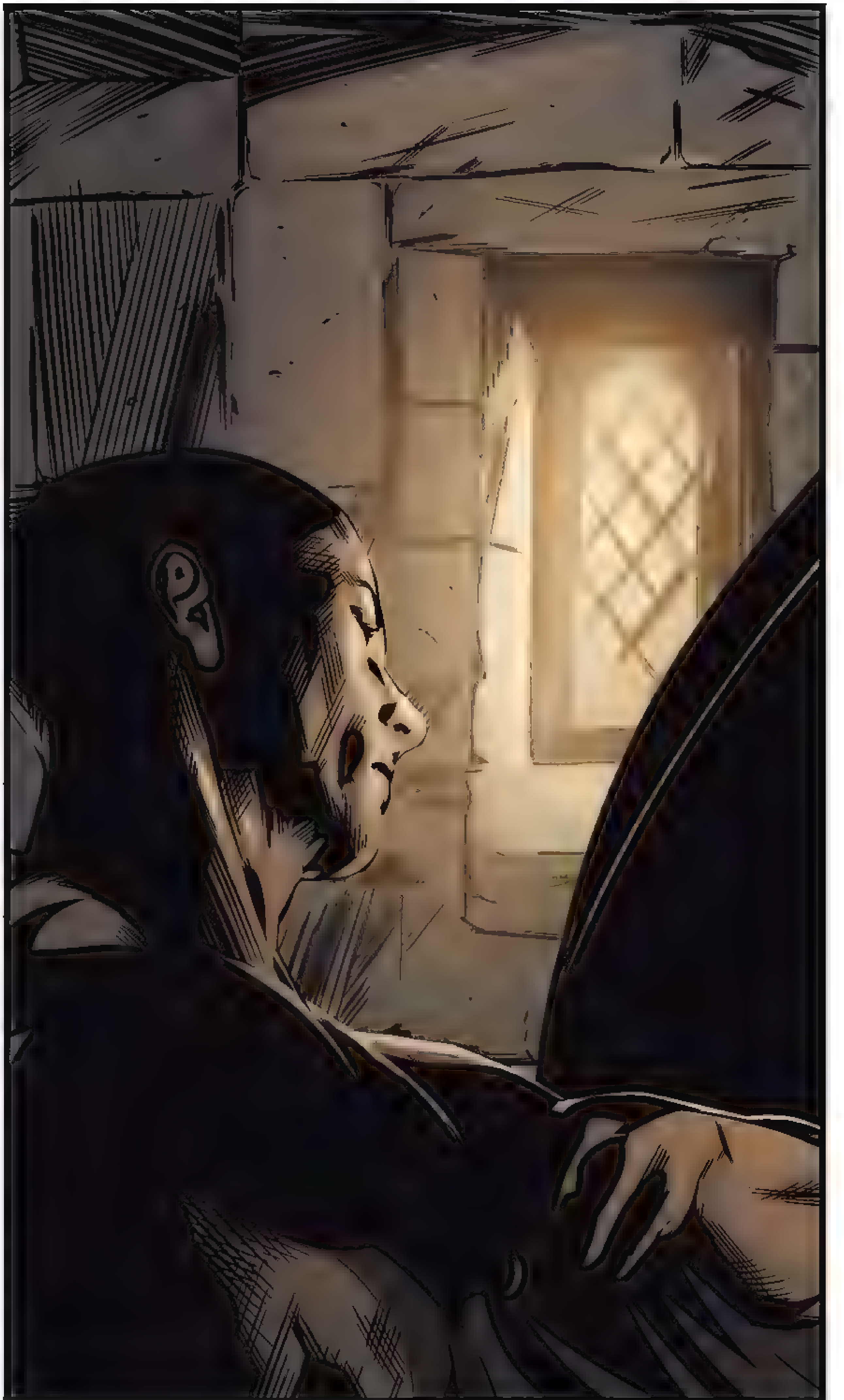
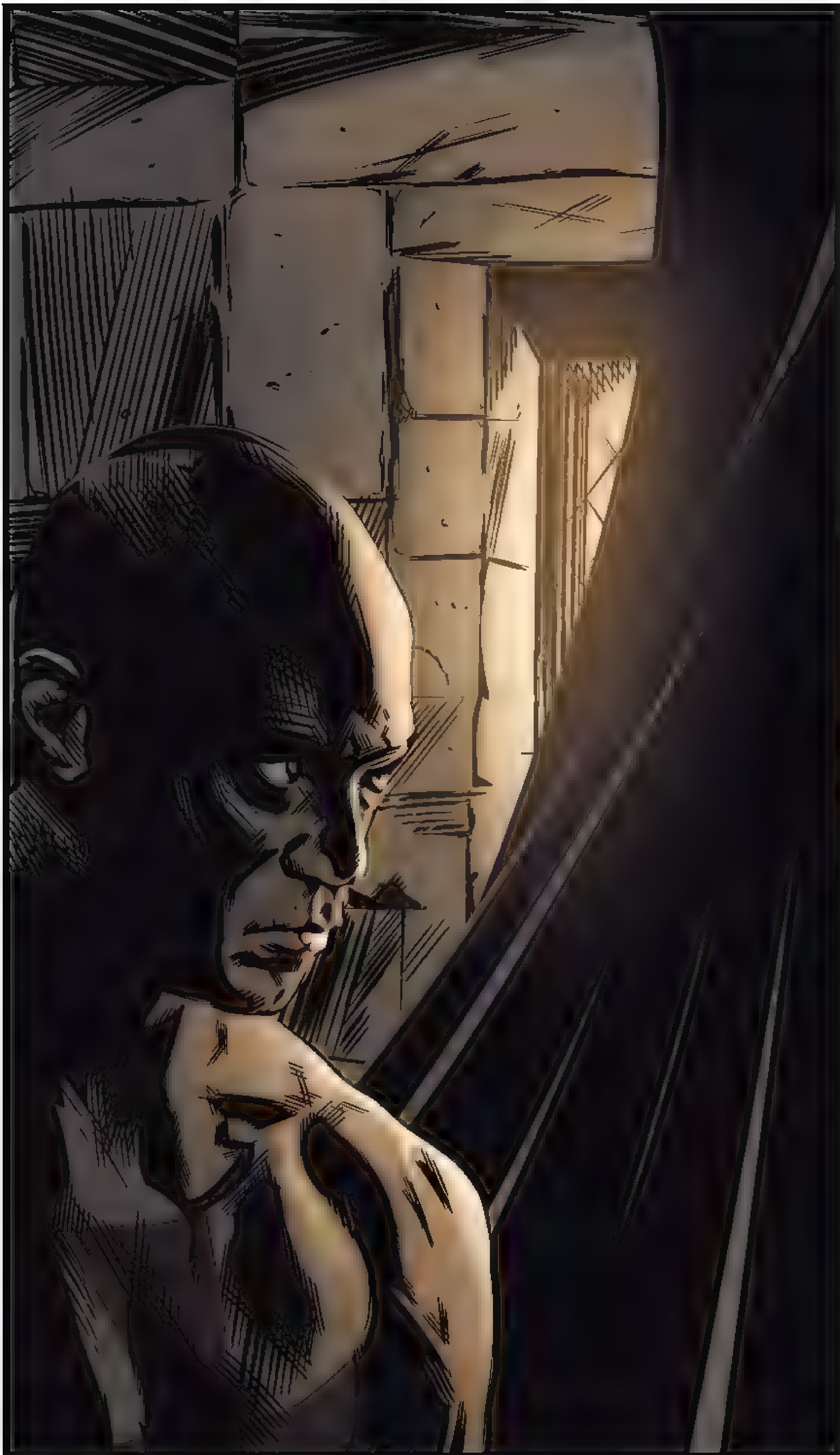
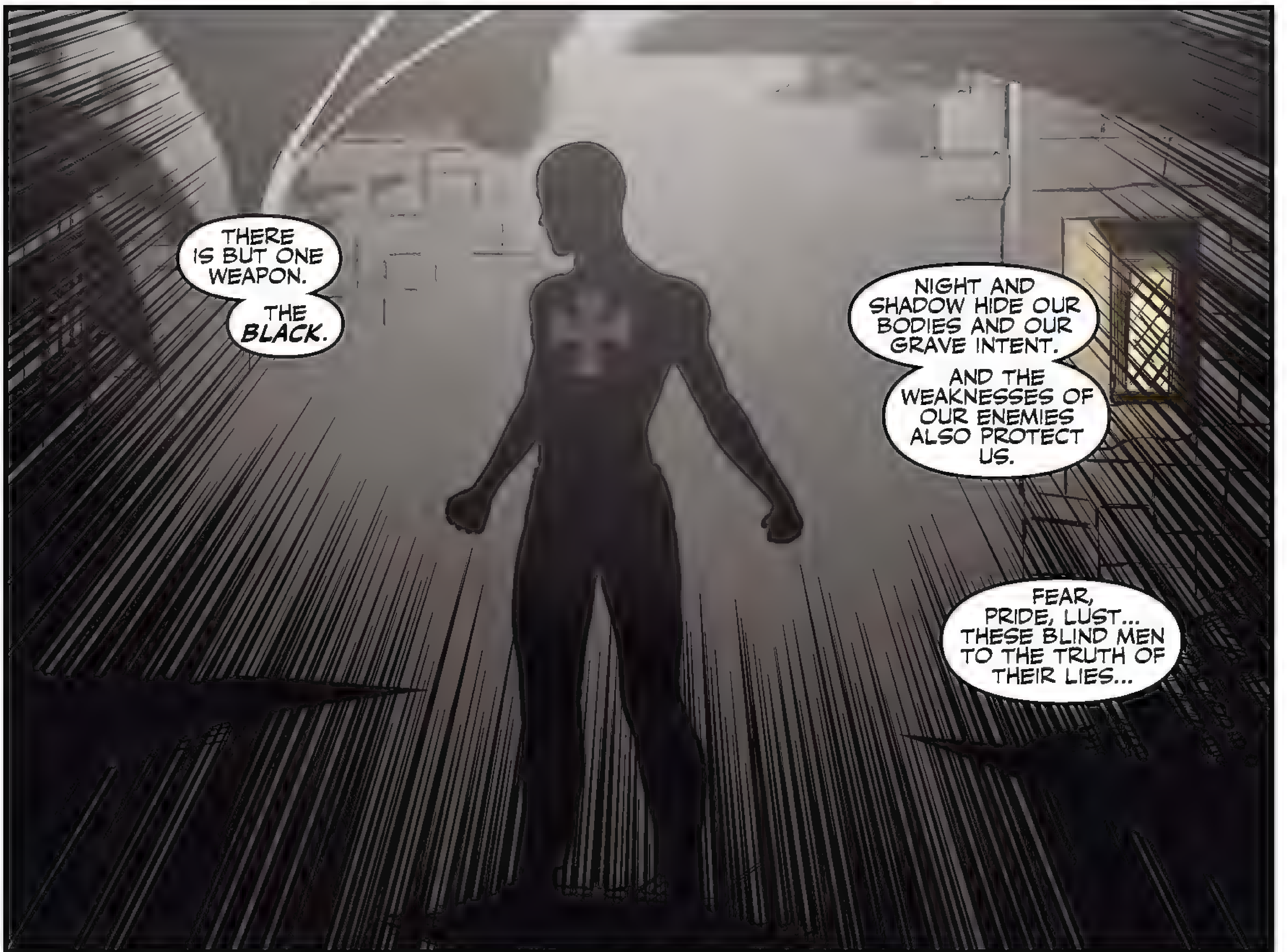


"INFLICT."

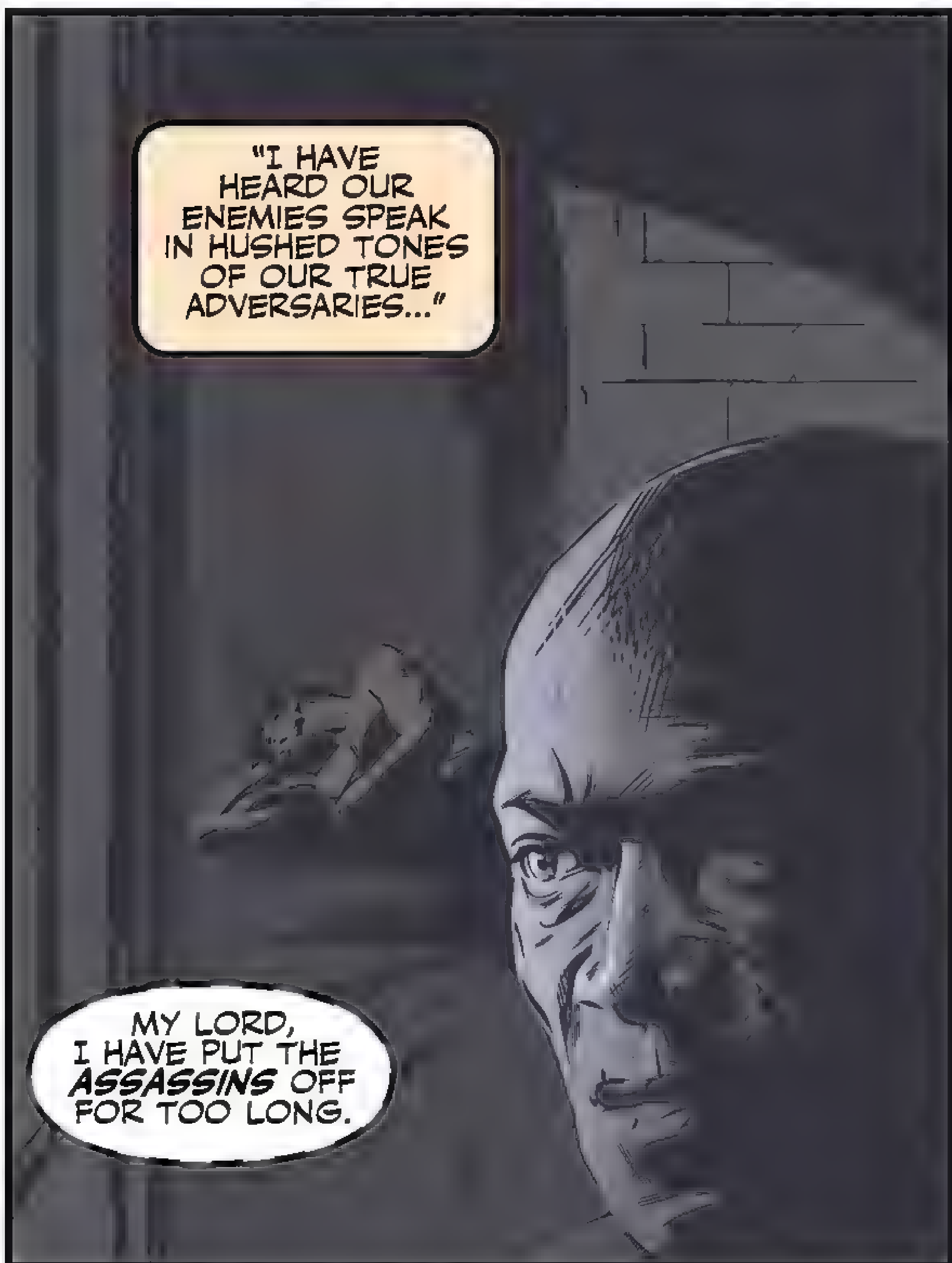
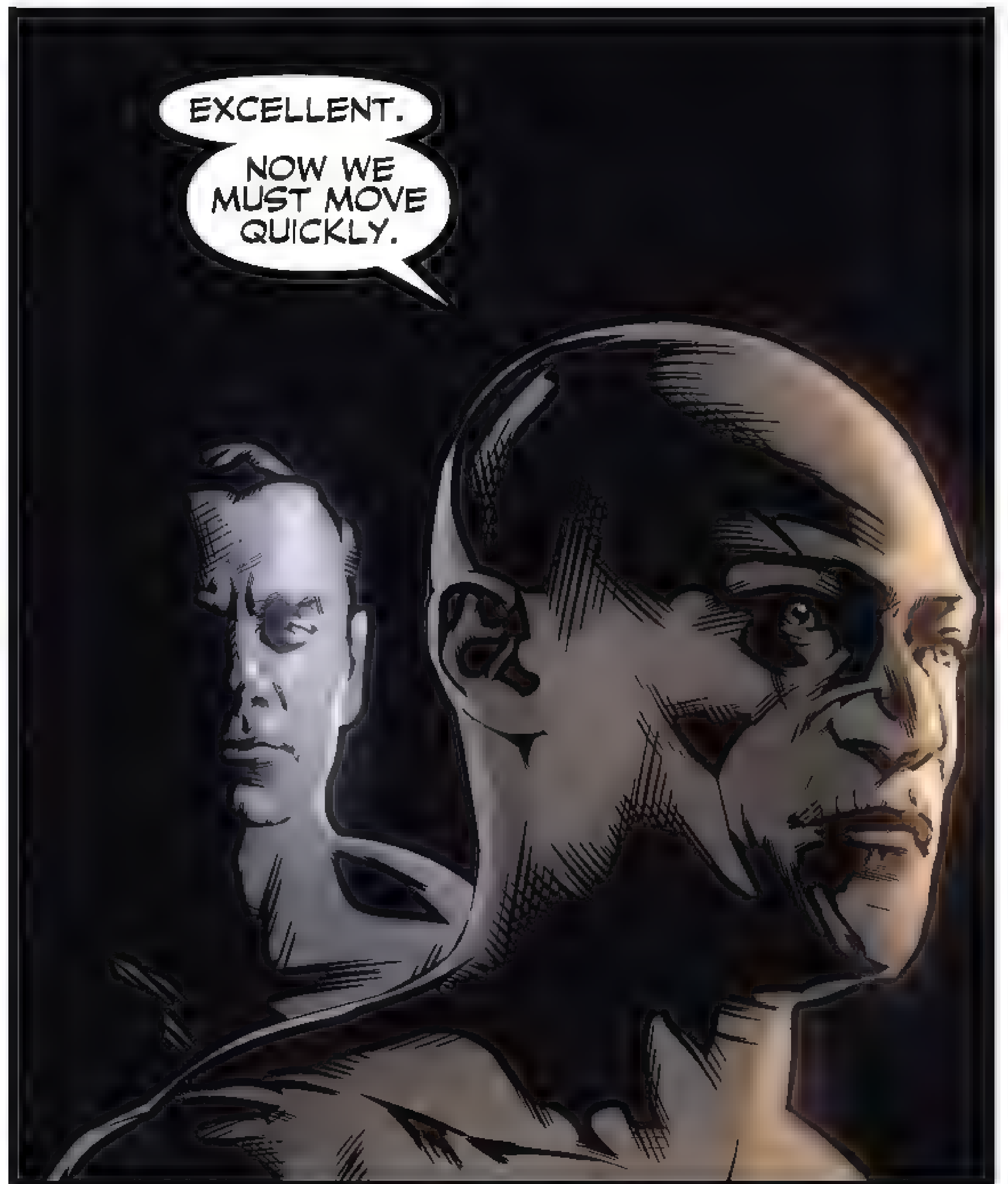


"ARE."













THEY ARE *DOGS* NO DIFFERENT THAN THESE TEMPLARS.



THE *KOH-I-NOOR*...



...IS MINE.



THE MAN IS A FOOL. OUR ADVERSARIES WILL ASSUREDLY ARRIVE SOON AND TAKE HIS HEAD, AND THE *KOH-I-NOOR*.



WE CANNOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN.





"WE WERE WISE  
TO BIDE OUR TIME."

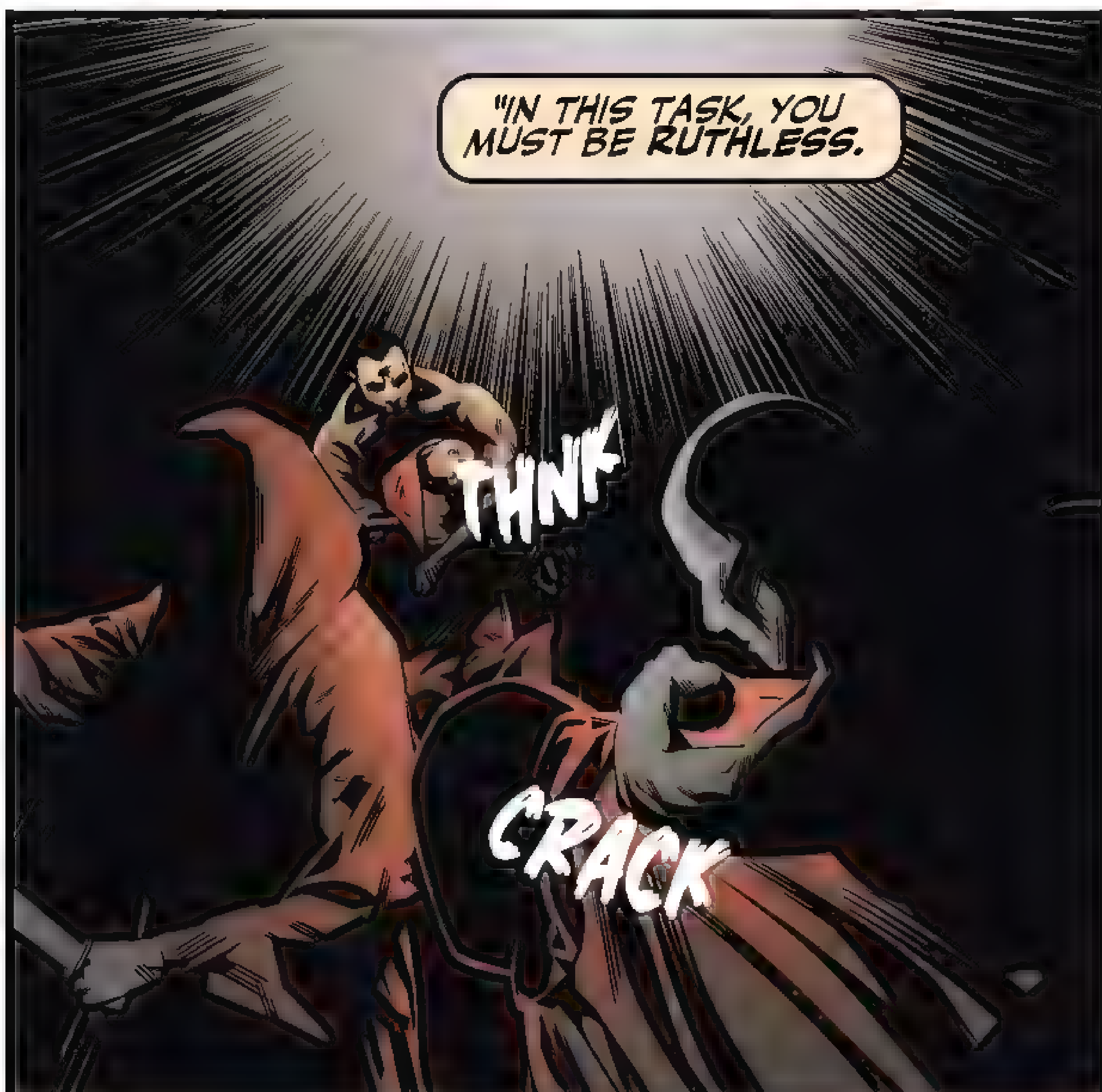
BACK  
AWAY FROM  
THE DOOR.



"BUT YOU  
HAVE LEARNED  
ALL FROM  
ME YOU NEED."

"YOU MUST  
FIND THE RELIC,  
RETURN IT SAFELY  
TO THE ORDER."

STAND UP,  
DOG. WHERE  
IS YOUR...



"IN THIS TASK, YOU  
MUST BE RUTHLESS."

THINK

CRACK



"AND I MUST BE  
SACRIFICED. I  
DO SO GLADLY."

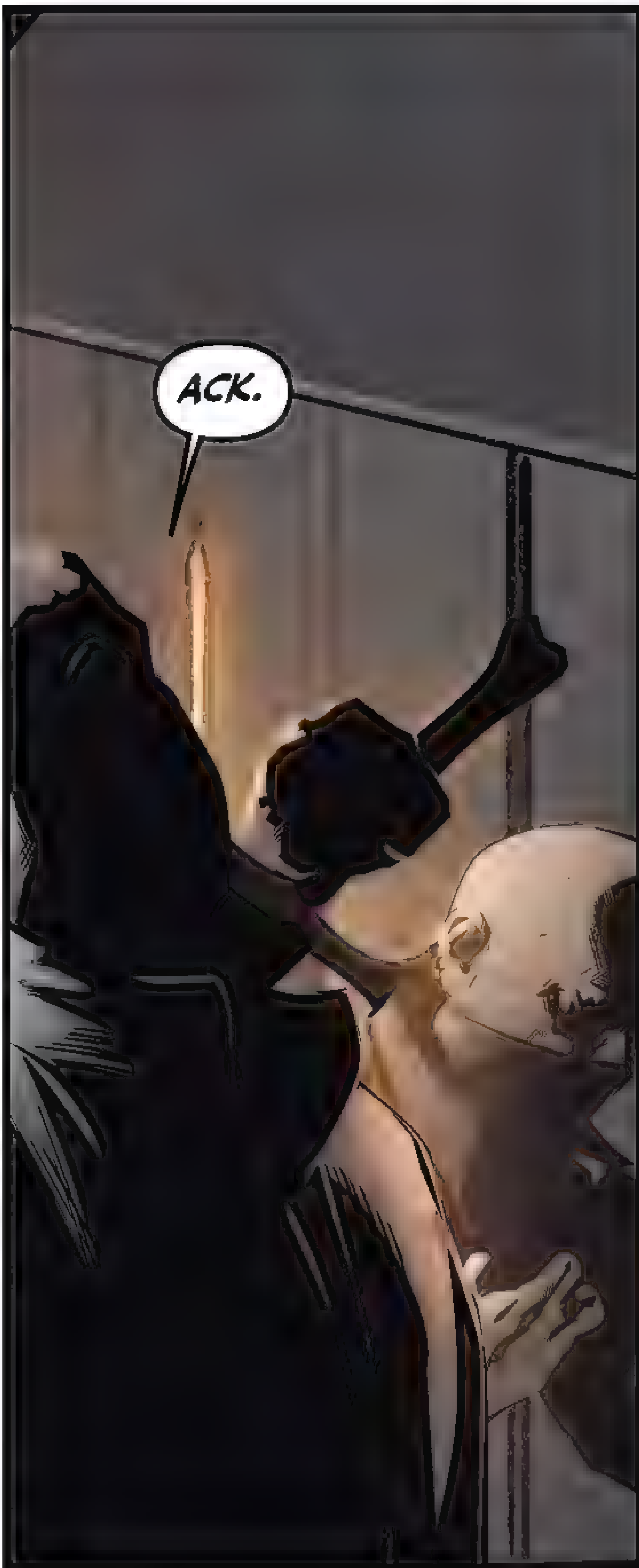
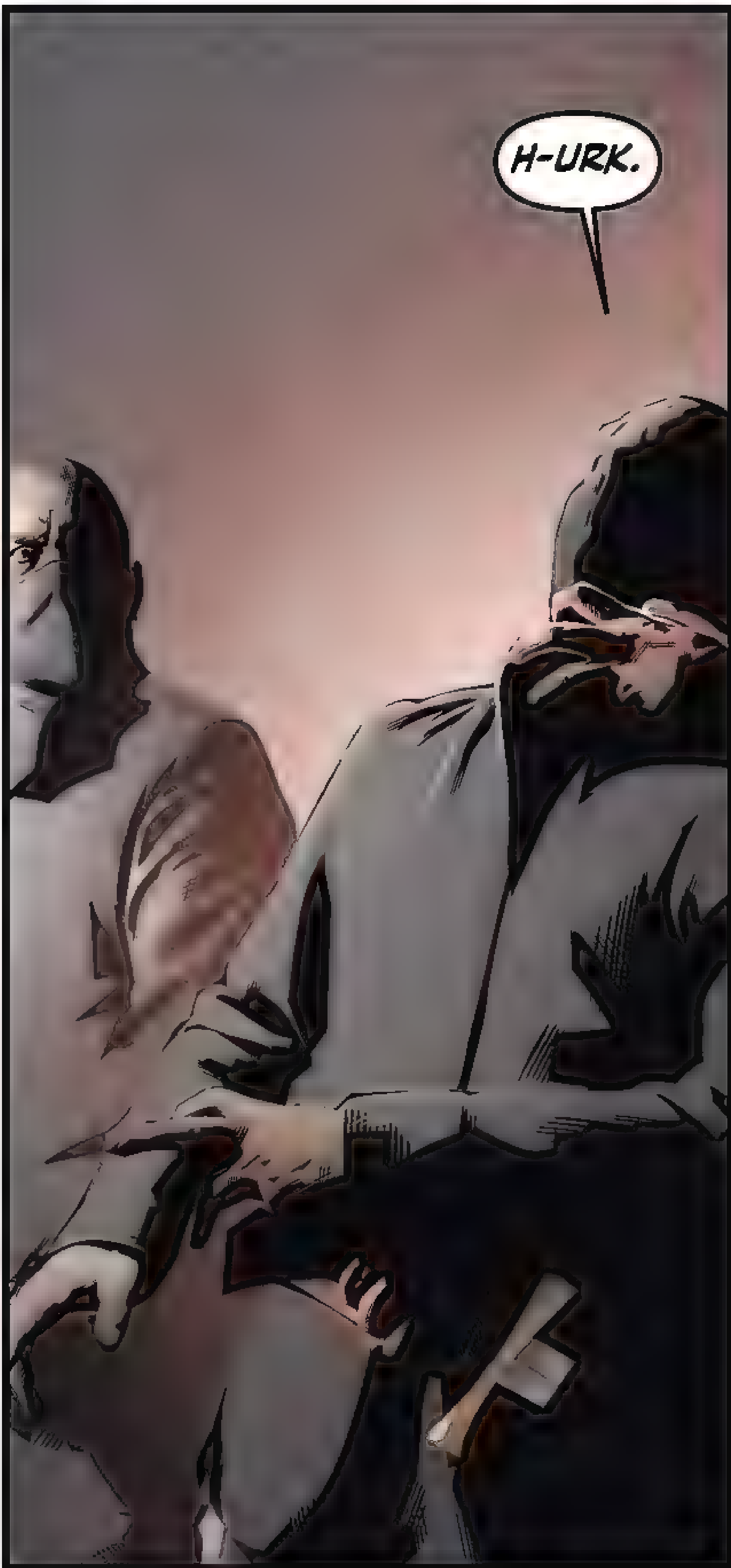
SHINK



"BUT FIRST, YOU MUST  
PROMISE TO DO ONE  
MORE SERVICE TO ME."

"ASSUMING YOU  
DO NOT DIE."









MY LORD,  
PLEASE, WE  
MUST MAKE  
HASTE...

...YOUR  
ENEMIES  
APPROACH!

BAH!



I SEE LITTLE  
SENSE IN ABANDONING  
THE PALACE.



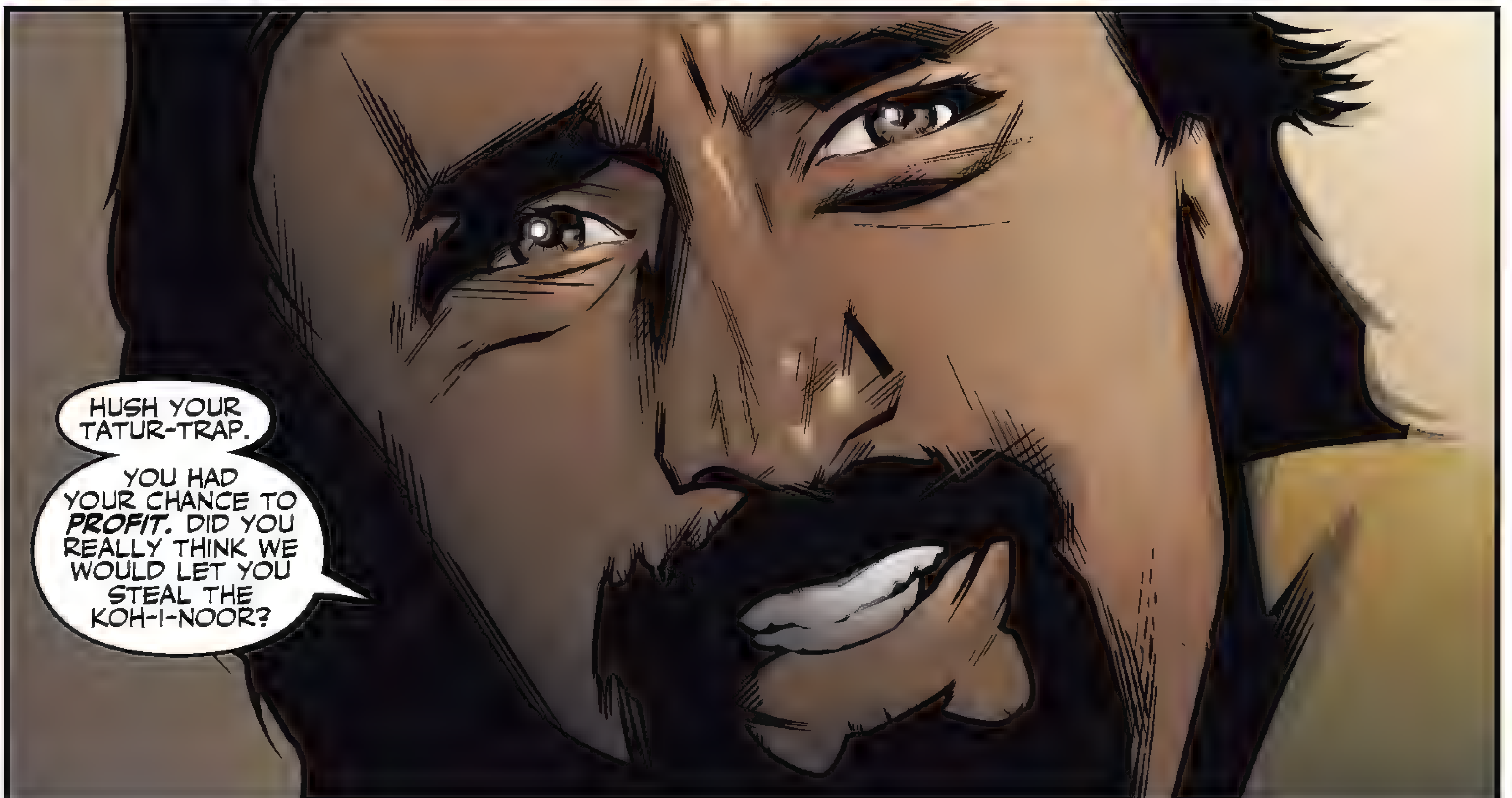
PLEASE, MY  
LORD! I KNOW THIS  
CULT. THEY WILL  
STOP AT NOTHING  
TO RETRIEVE THE  
RELIC.

HMM, VERY  
WELL, AHKBAR.  
WHAT MATTERS  
ONE PALACE WHEN  
SOON I WILL HAVE  
THE WORLD?



TAKE THE  
CRATES TO THE  
SHIP. I SHALL  
BE ALONG  
SHORTLY.





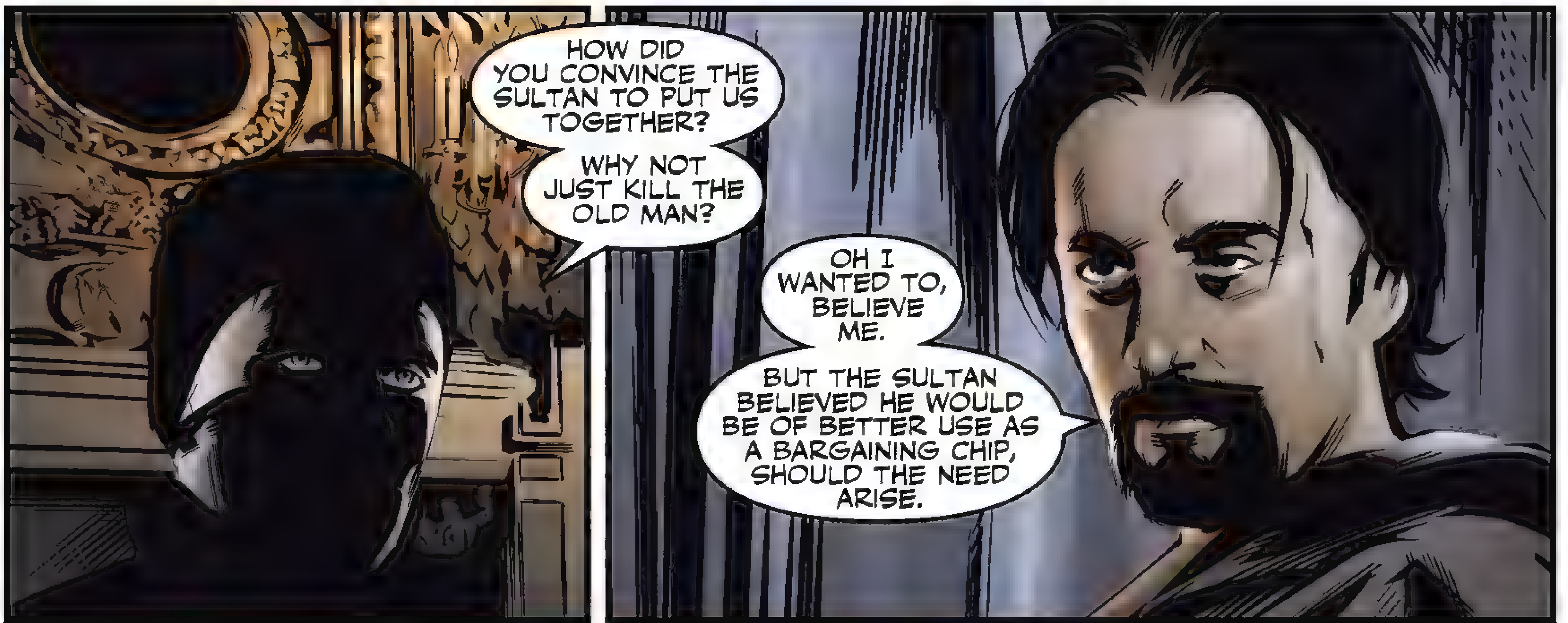












HOW DID YOU CONVINCE THE SULTAN TO PUT US TOGETHER?

WHY NOT JUST KILL THE OLD MAN?

OH I WANTED TO, BELIEVE ME.

BUT THE SULTAN BELIEVED HE WOULD BE OF BETTER USE AS A BARGAINING CHIP, SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.



POOR FOOL. HE THOUGHT HE WAS SOME SORT OF MASTERMIND.

NOW LOOK AT HIM. AS DEAD AS YOU SOON WILL BE.

AND THEN YOU WILL RETURN THE RELIC TO YOUR BRETHREN?



HA!

YOU ARE AS BIG A FOOL AS THAT DEAD IDIOT. I THOUGHT *YOU*, OF ALL PEOPLE, WOULD UNDERSTAND WHEN IT WAS TIME TO CUT AND RUN.

ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU DID WHEN YOU LEFT THE BELGIAN ARMY? AND FOR WHAT?

WIFE AND CHILD ALREADY DEAD IN NAPOLEON'S BOMBARDMENT. YOUR FAMILY BLASTED TO *PIECES*.

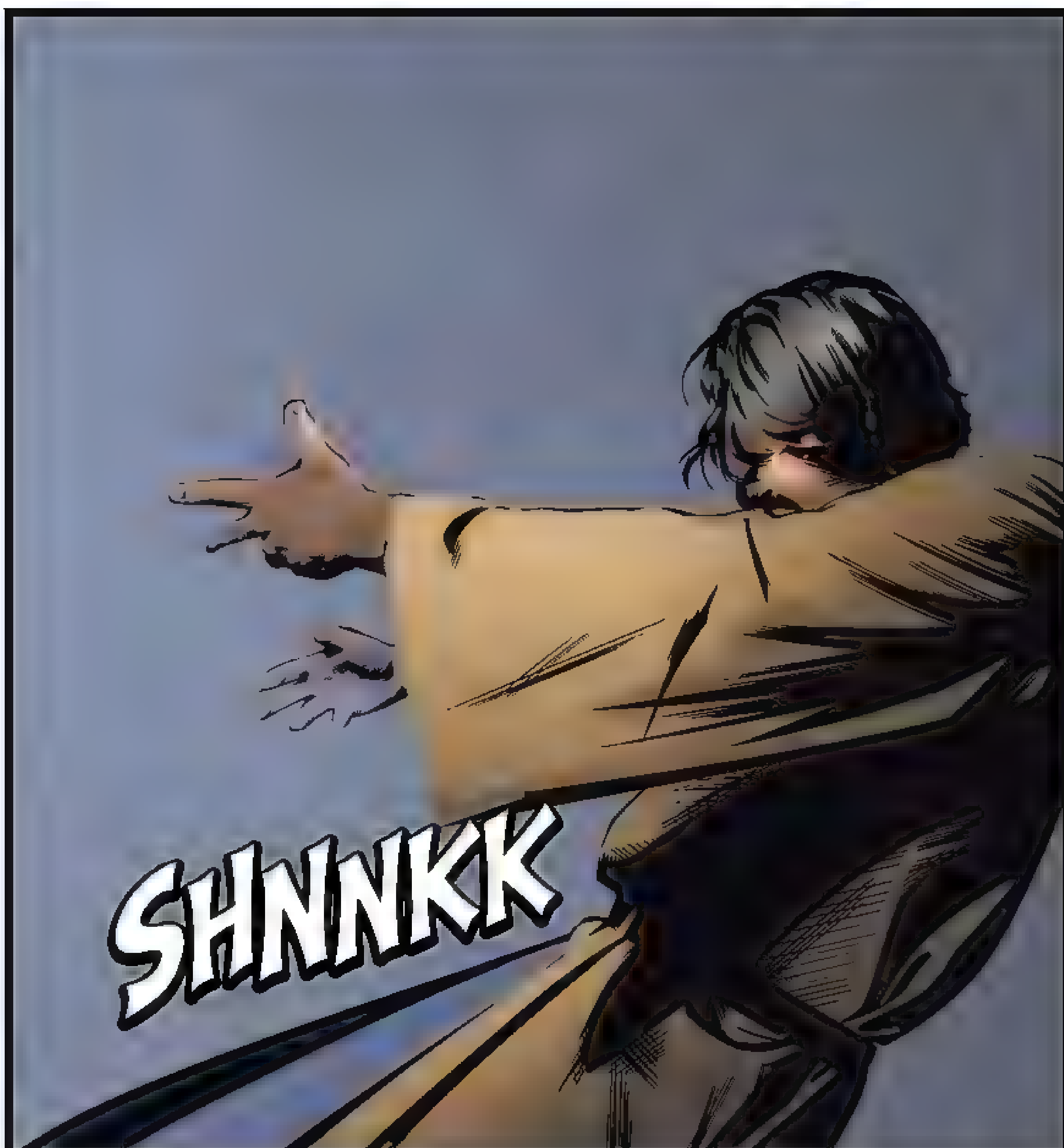


I'M NOT RUNNING NOW, AHKBAR.



I'VE NO TIME FOR THIS.





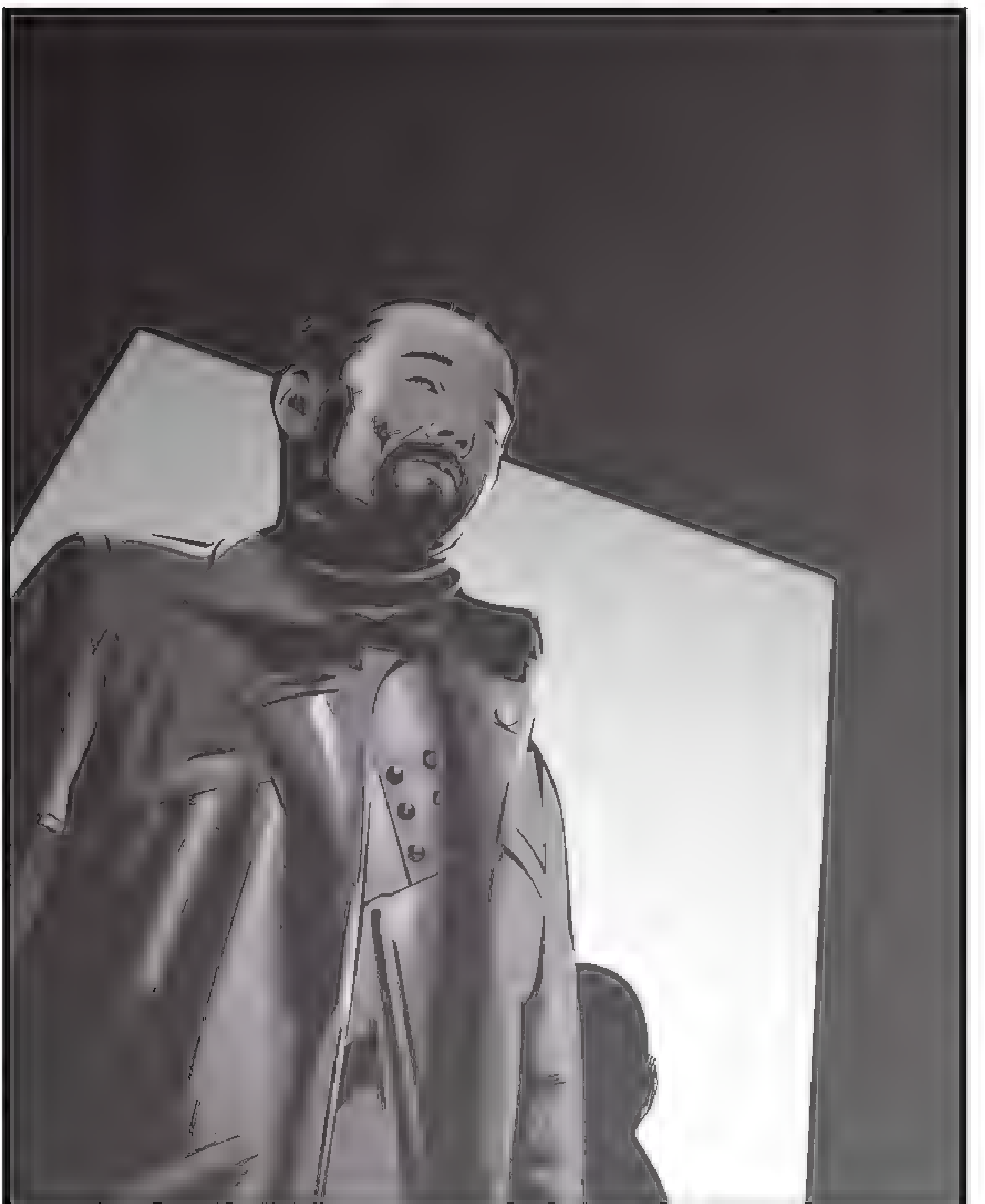
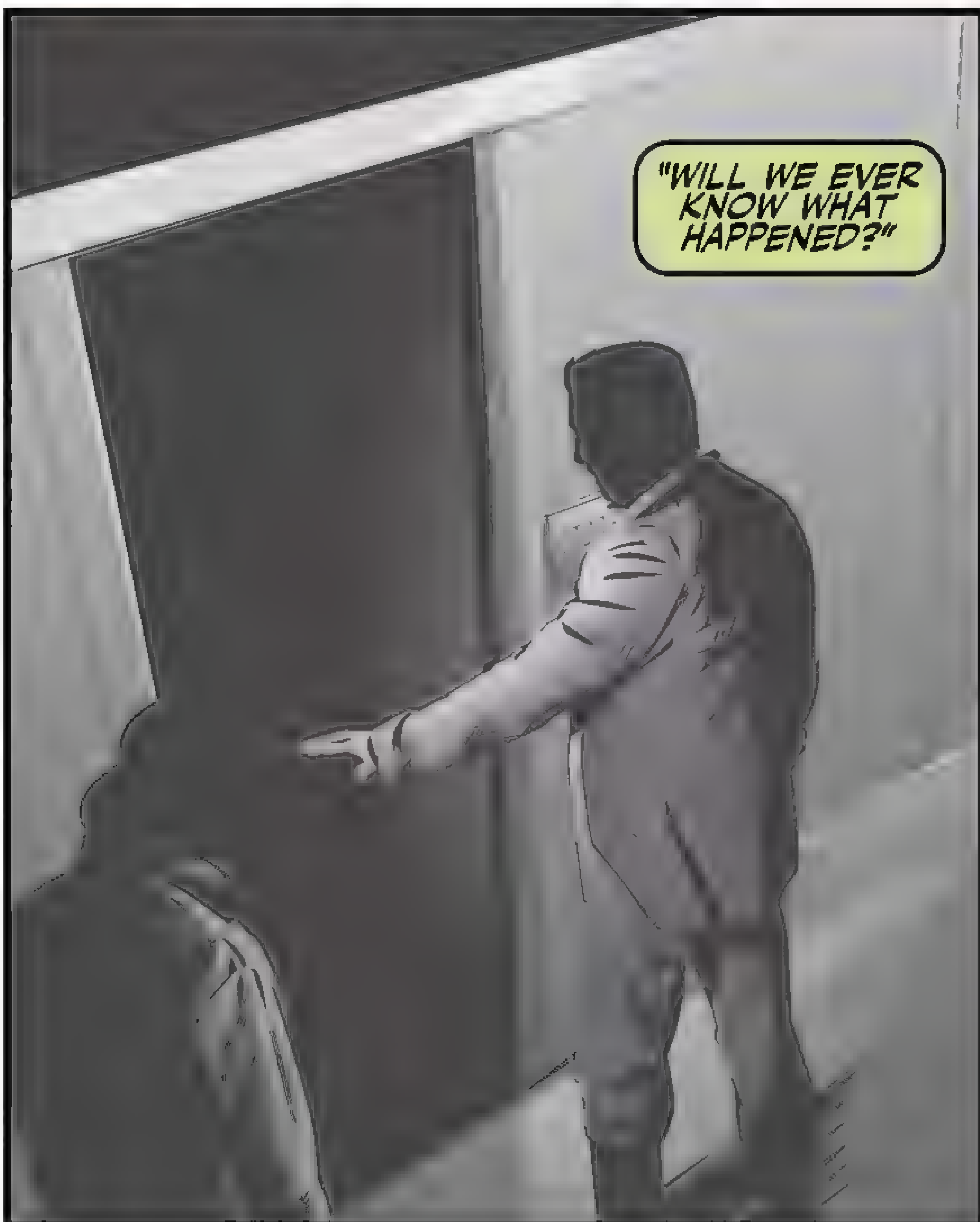


















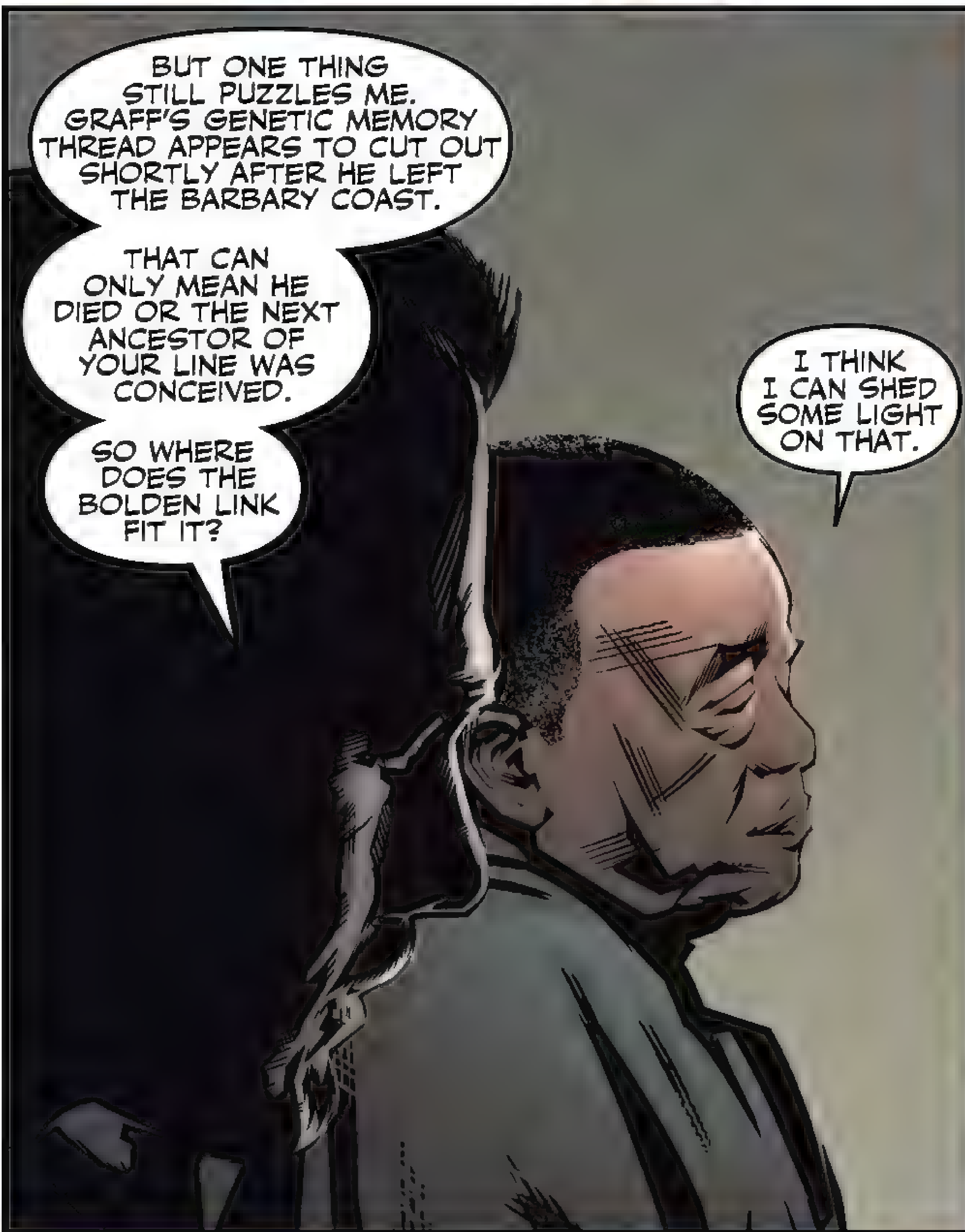


"WHEN I WAS COMING OUT, I SAW SOME THINGS."



"I IMAGINE THOSE ASSASSINS WERE MIGHTY SHOCKED TO FIND THAT BOX GRAFF GAVE THEM WAS EMPTY."

"THAT CLEVER BASTARD!"



BUT ONE THING STILL PUZZLES ME. GRAFF'S GENETIC MEMORY THREAD APPEARS TO CUT OUT SHORTLY AFTER HE LEFT THE BARBARY COAST.

THAT CAN ONLY MEAN HE DIED OR THE NEXT ANCESTOR OF YOUR LINE WAS CONCEIVED.

SO WHERE DOES THE BOLDEN LINK FIT IT?

I THINK I CAN SHED SOME LIGHT ON THAT.



"SEEMS LIKE GRAFF FOUND A WAY TO KEEP THAT PROMISE HE MADE BACK IN THE SULTAN'S DUNGEONS."

"AND I GET THE FEELING MY GREAT-GREAT GRANDMA MUST'VE MADE QUITE THE IMPRESSION."

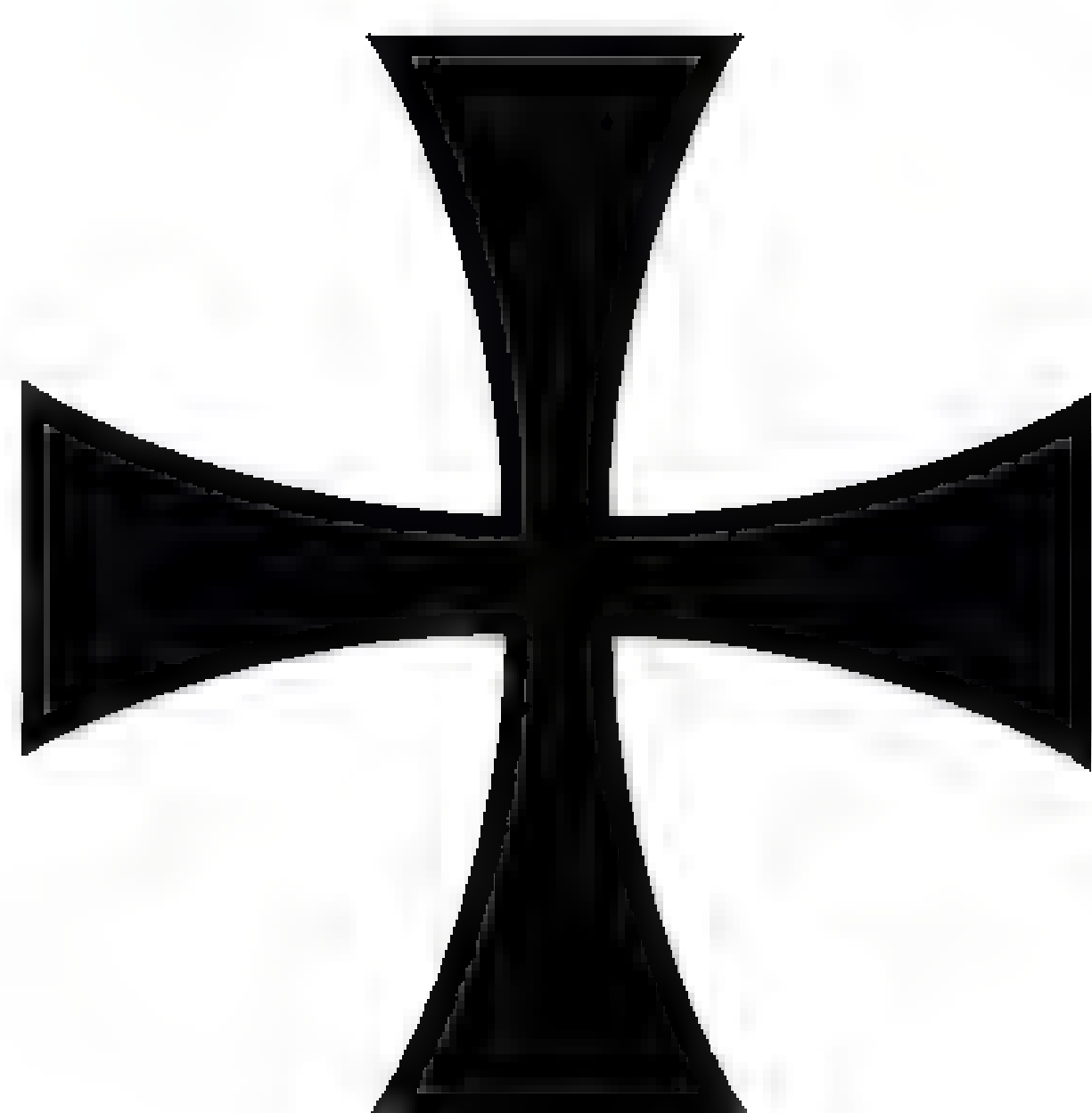
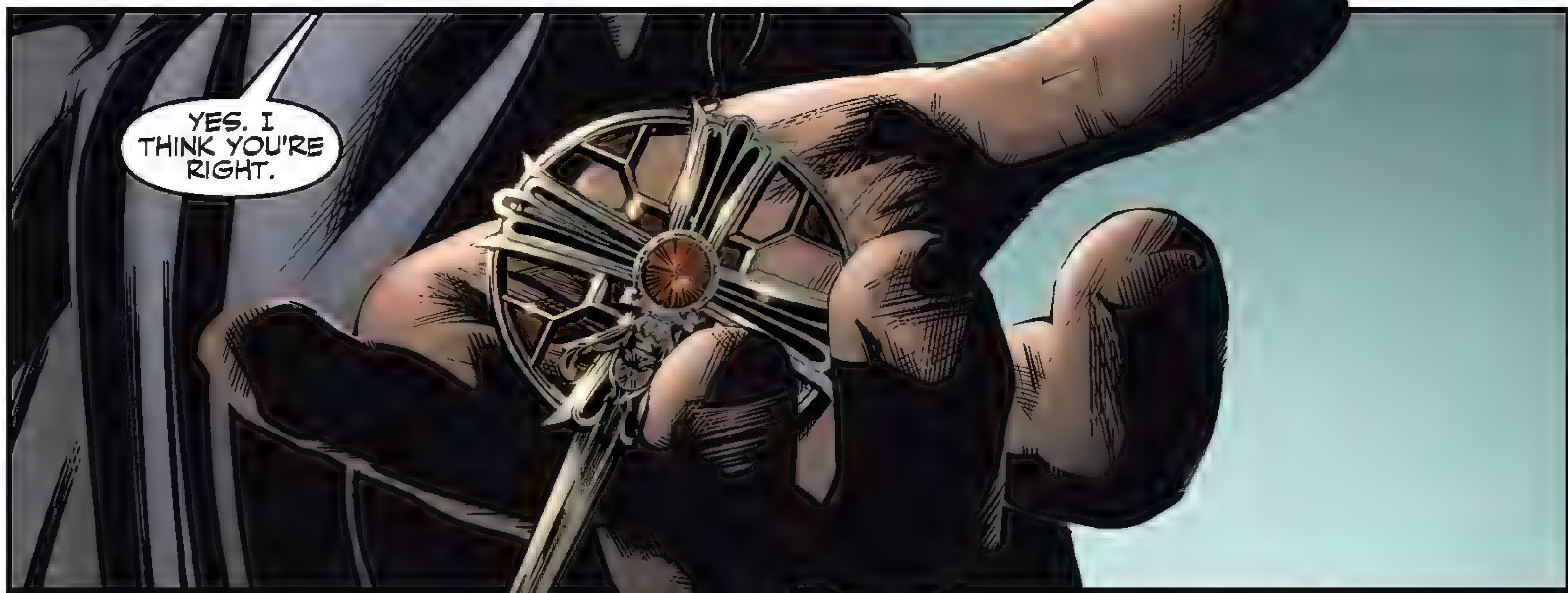


CAN'T BEAT THAT LEGENDARY BOLDEN CHARM.



HA HA HA HA HA HA

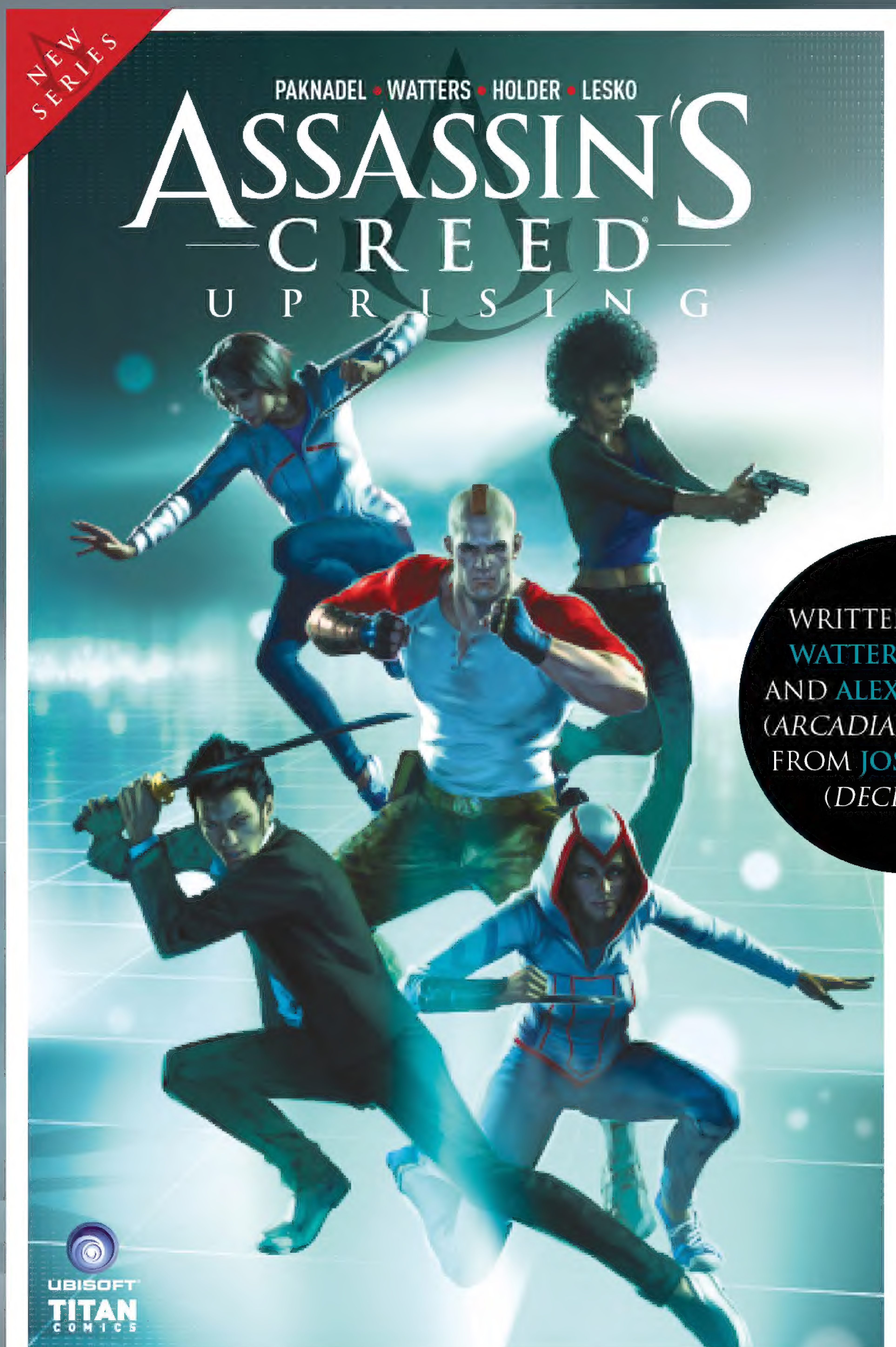




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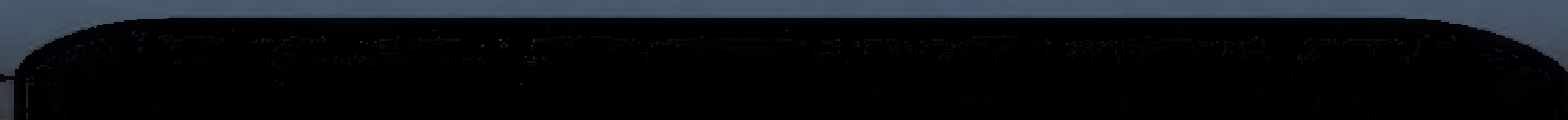
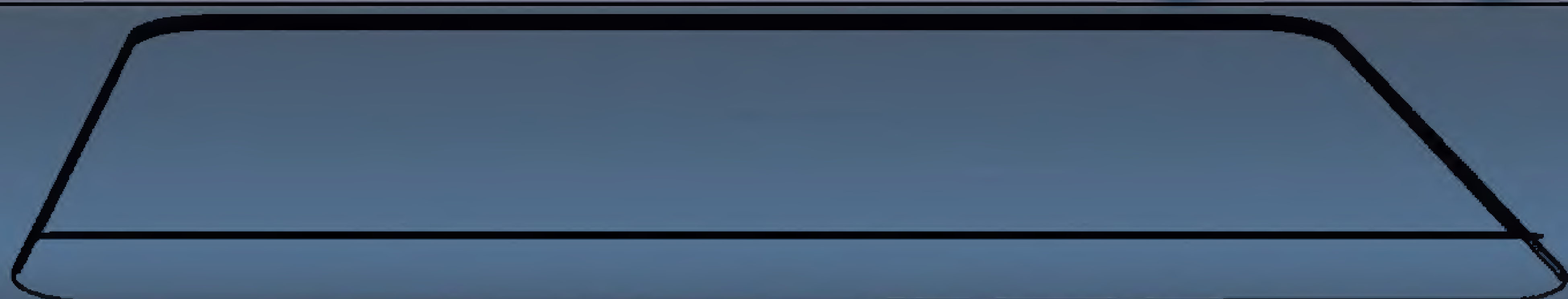


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